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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 21, 2004

Enclosed please find the response to the office action mailed April 21, 2004, for the above referenced application. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for payment. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefore.